AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for positioning a selected object in an original image for display on a display screen, comprising:

> distorting said original image to produce a distorted region for said object, said object being positioned at an initial position within said original image, said distorted region including magnification of at least a portion of said object;

> receiving a signal for dragging said object with said distorted region from said initial position to a desired position for said object within said original image; ~~and,~~

> receiving a signal for dropping said object at said desired position, whereby said distorted region with said magnification facilitates accurate positioning of said object at said desired position ; and,

> removing said distorted region from said original image after said dropping of said object .

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said distorting further includes applying a distortion function to said original image to produce said distorted region by displacing said original image onto said distortion function and projecting said displaced original image onto a plane.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said applying further includes displaying a graphical user interface ("GUI") over said distorted region for receiving one or more signals for adjusting said distortion function.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein said distortion function includes a focal region having said magnification and a base region at least partially surrounding said focal region and across which said magnification decreases to that of said original image and said GUI includes at least one of: